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MEMORANDUM TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED NSC PAPER ON [redacted]

Reference is made to memorandum from Deputy Assistant Director for Operations dated November 25, 1947, requesting comment on proposed NSC paper on [redacted]

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It is the opinion of this office that the proposed text as quoted in cited memorandum is less desirable than the text included in memorandum dated 30 October 1947, from the Director, subject: "Proposed Director of Central Intelligence Directive 1/2 Foreign Wireless and Radio Monitoring" in the following respects:

1. The term "propaganda broadcast" must be interpreted to include all clear text voice broadcasts in order to cover all present [redacted]. Such an interpretation can conceivably be contested.

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2. The term "foreign press broadcast" is restrictive and subject to misinterpretation in that most press transmissions are not "broadcast" in the strict sense of the word, and that although all press transmissions now monitored by [redacted] from foreign transmitters, they are not necessarily the transmissions of foreign press associations.

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It is recommended in view of these considerations that the following wording be proposed:

"Perform all Federal monitoring and processing of foreign clear text radio broadcasts and such monitoring of foreign wireless transmissions in recognized international codes as are required for the collection of intelligence information related to the national security."

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